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For: IMMUNOMODULATORY
POLYNUCLEOTIDES AND METHODS OF
USING THE SAME

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.114

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the final Office Action dated March 8, 2007 (Paper No. 20070305), for which a response was due on June 8, 2007. Furthermore, a Notice of Appeal was filed on September 5, 2007, thereby extending the deadline for response to November 5, 2007. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a one month extension of time, thereby further extending the deadline for response to December 5, 2007. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is being filed concurrently herewith. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.